

Homeowner Self Help Exterior Paint Program

Smoke Detectors

Residential units require smoke detectors as per the New York State Building Code. In general the requirements for battery powered smoke detectors are as follows;

- one detector in each bedroom and
- one detector in the common area of each unit and
- one detector at the top of each stair well and
- one detector near any furnace or boiler.

The smoke detectors are to be ceiling mounted or if wall mounted they must be within 24" of the ceiling according to building codes. It is the homeowner's responsibility to install the smoke detectors.

The planning department will accept requests for the required smoke detectors and will process them after September 15th, 2006. Please specify where the detectors will be installed. (Example: 2 for bedrooms, 1 for common area, 1 near furnace, 4 total) Existing functioning smoke detectors do not require replacement. The cost of the smoke detectors is part of the \$800 allowance. Detectors will be furnished as a homeowner's paint program's balance allows.